Captive Power Plants

2. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Petroleum Limited proposes to instal few captive power plants in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is installing a 30 MW Captive Power Plant at their refinery in Bombay at an estimated cost of Rs. 43.61 crores. This will consist of two 15 MW gas turbine sets along with two 60 tonnes per hour waste heat boilers.

Setting up of modern cement plants

3. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cement Corporation of India propose to set up a few modern cement plants during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Cement Corporation of India Limited is in the process of setting up 3 one million tonne modern cement plants at Tandur, Andhra Pradesh, Nayanago Expansion Project at Nayagaon, Madhya Pradesh and Yerraguntla Expansion Project at Yerraguntla, Andhra Pradesh. Of these 3 projects, the Tandur Project is likely to be commissioned during the current financial year (1986-87).

Surface mail delivery system

4. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deterioration in the surface mail delivery system, and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No deterioration in the surface mail delivery system has come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Distribution of Soda Ash by M/s. Tata Chemicals

5. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Tata Chemicals announced the adoption of 1983-84 as the base year for purposes of distribution of soda ash for the year 1984-85;

(b) whether Government have checked up that the company has followed the dril adopted by them for distribution of soda ash in 1984-85;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the consumers have complained to Government that the company as denied supplies or curtailed supplies of soda ash to eligible clients;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the All India Silicate Manufacturers' Association has pointed out some cases of gross favouritism shown by M/s. Tata Chemicals Limited in allotting Soda Ash;

(e) if so, what are the details of the complaints received; and

(f) what action Government have taken on those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.